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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB-97-15]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 and the Tobacco Inspection Act and the Regulations Governing the Tobacco Standards.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 5, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact John W. Foster, Chief, Standardization and Review Branch, Tobacco Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 511 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, Telephone (202) 205-0744 and Fax (202) 205-1191.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for 7 CFR part 29.

OMB Number: 0581-0056.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 1998.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*) requires that all tobacco sold at designated auction

markets in the U.S. be inspected and graded. Provision is also made for interested parties to request inspection and grading services on an as needed basis. Also, the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 511r) authorizes the Secretary to inspect all tobacco offered for importation into the United States for grade and quality except cigar and oriental tobacco which must be certified by the importer as to kind and type, and in the case of cigar tobacco, that such tobacco will be used solely in the manufacture of cigars.

The information collection requirements authorized for the programs under the Tobacco Inspection Act and the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983 include: applications for inspection of tobacco, applications and other information used in the approval of new auction markets or the extension of services to designated tobacco markets, and information required to be provided in connection with auction sales.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.40 hours per response.

Respondents: Primarily tobacco companies, tobacco manufactures, import inspectors, and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,504.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,569.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to John W. Foster, Chief, Standardization and Review Branch, Tobacco Programs,

Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 511 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456 and will be available for the public inspection in Room 511 Annex Building, USDA, AMS, Tobacco Programs, Standardization and Review Branch, 300 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 30, 1997.

William O. Coats,

Acting Deputy Administrator, Tobacco Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on November 20 at the Douglas County Library, at 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd. in Roseburg, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Survey and Manage requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan; (2) Province monitoring priorities; (3) Forest health issues; (4) Report from Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee; (5) Report from local BLM and Forest Service on local issues; and (6) Public comment. All Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone 541-858-2322.